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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Applicant hereby addresses the Office Action made final mailed 17 December 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Per 37 CFR 1.121(c) the following is a clean copy of an amended portion of the specification as required. A copy of the "marked-up" version is attached as an appendix.

On page 4, 1st complete paragraph (Lines 13-17):

(Signature B1)

As depicted in Figures 2 and 3, an embodiment 50 of the present invention comprises a pump forearm 40 adapted to be mounted about magazine tube 20. Pump forearm 40 comprises a grip 24 and a handle assembly 41 connected to grip 24, proximate the rearward (toward the butt end) end. Handle assembly 41 is located about and above barrel 16 and has securing element 44 connected to hand grip 42 by a neck element 46. The connection of hand grip 42 to neck element 46 is such that it facilitates either right-handed or left-handed use, and places hand grip 42 forward (toward the muzzle end) of securing element 44.